

REMARKS

1 The Examiner objected to the specification as failing to provide antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter within claims 1 and 14. The specification has been amended as set forth hereinabove and is believed to be in allowable condition.

5 Claims 1-14 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Forrest in further view of U.S. Patent No. 2,340,017 to Rasmussen. Similarly, the Examiner rejected claims 1 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,187,344 to Porcello in view of to Rasmussen. The Examiner also rejected claims 15-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable
10 over Forrest and Rasmussen, in further view of U.S. Patent No. 5,421,834 to Kester. While the applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections, the applicants have amended claim 1, which is believed to render the pending rejections moot.

15 Specifically, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitation that the construction of the mittens provides a single hand compartment within each mitten, without forming separate compartments for thumbs or fingers. Due to the location of the mittens within the sleeves, such construction greatly assists the user in placing a child within the garment, without hunting for individual pockets for fingers or worrying that several fingers are cramped into a single finger pocket, causing discomfort. A person of
20 skill in the art will also recognize the ease with which the claimed structure can be constructed. No such claimed structure is taught or otherwise disclosed within the prior art. Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be allowable. Claims 2-12 and 14-20 each ultimately depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons

1 set forth hereinabove with respect to claim 1. Claim 13 has been cancelled. The
Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the aforementioned rejections and
allow claims 1-12 and 14-20.

5 No fees or extensions of time are believed to be due in connection with this
amendment; however, please consider this a request for any extension inadvertently
omitted, and charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 502093.

Respectfully submitted,



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